

## Combined Synopsis/Solicitation

### LOCAL PROVENANCE PLUGS OF NATIVE FORBS, GRASSES, AND SEDGES

Solicitation Number AG-51KN-S-14-0002

The USDA, Forest Service, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Supervisor's Office is accepting quotes for supply and delivery of local provenance native forbs, grasses, and sedges in accordance with the attached specifications and list.

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial items prepared in accordance with the format in FAR Subpart 12.6, as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; quotes are being requested and a written solicitation will not be issued. Any amendment and documents related to this procurement will be available electronically at the internet site <http://www.fbo.gov>. Potential offeror's will be responsible for downloading a copy of those documents related to this procurement, if any. This solicitation is issued as an **RFQ** and the documents incorporate provisions and clauses in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-69. This procurement is **Unrestricted**. The **NAICS CODE is 111422**. This Solicitation will result in a firm, fixed price supply contract.

**Offers shall be submitted no later than 3 PM, CT, 11/27/2013.** Delivery and Mailing Address: Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, ATTN: Deborah Bates, 30239 S State Route 53, Wilmington, IL 60481. Offers may be mailed or emailed. No faxed quotes will be accepted. Email only to: [dbates@fs.fed.us](mailto:dbates@fs.fed.us).

For questions or more information, contact Deborah Bates (ext. 201) or Jennifer Durkin (ext. 254) at 815-423-6370.

**Each Offer shall include:** Pricing for each plant by species (price shall include freight).  
A signed Acceptance Statement. Three references with companies you have performed similar work for, including contact name, phone # and email.

Prospective contractors shall complete electronic annual representations and certifications at SAM accessed via <https://www.acquisition.gov> as a part of required registration (see FAR [4.1102](#)) and remain active. Contractors are encouraged to enroll in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS), Internet Payment Platform (IPP). To enroll in the IPP-PAID service, please call IPP's toll-free number at (866) 973-3131 or email at [bos.ipp.helpdesk@bos.frb.org](mailto:bos.ipp.helpdesk@bos.frb.org). This service is free and provides vendors with advance notification of payments processed through EFT. For additional information, go to the IPP-PAID website at <https://www.ipp.gov/>.

**Native Forbs, Grasses, and Sedges Purchase FY2014**

**Specifications for Item #01: Live Plants/Plugs Local Provenance Native Forbs, Grasses, Sedges**

Specifications for all live plant material:

- 1) Plants must be of appropriate provenance; origin of stock plants **must** be from:
  - a) central or northern Illinois (north and east of line connecting Adams, Sangamon, and Edgar counties);
  - b) northwestern quarter of Indiana (north and west of line connecting St. Joseph, Marion, and Vigo counties); and/or
  - c) southeastern Wisconsin (southeast of line connecting between Milwaukee, Dane, and Green counties – Dane, Green, Kenosha, Jefferson, Racine, Rock, Walworth or Waukesha counties).
- 2) Plants must be true to species, grown from seed (exceptions made for some vegetatively propagated species and species available as dormant bulbs or corms; see #3), and **MUST** be growing in media in pots or plug trays.
- 3) For all plugs or plant materials, cell or pot volume **must be at least 2.00 cubic inches or larger**.
- 4) Plant materials provided as dormant plant material must consist of a clean, well-defined corm or bulb, as in *Camassia scilloides* (Wild Hyacinth). Masses of poorly-defined roots and crowns are unacceptable as are unpotted plants.
- 5) **No bare root plant material will be accepted.**
- 6) **No wild-collected plants.**
- 7) **All plants must be received alive, true to species, in good condition free of pests and pathogens, noxious weeds, or nutrient deficiencies.**
- 8) **Plants must have developed past the seedling stage when received, with true leaves present and no cotyledons.**

Plants not meeting the above specifications will not be accepted.

**Delivery must be coordinated at least 5 weekdays before delivery date with the Midewin staff. Plants will not be accepted for delivery via US Mail/FedEx/UPS. Deliver to Midewin NTP Supervisors Office, 30239 S State Route 53, Wilmington, IL 60481. All plants must be received at Midewin SO before or on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. All later deliveries must be preapproved.**

Potential providers may bid on **all or a portion** of the items. Breakdown costs by species. **Include delivery/shipping fee as cost/species.**

## **SCHEDULE OF ITEMS**

### **Local Provenance Plugs of Native Forbs, Grasses, and Sedges FY2014**

Excel Spreadsheet is available.

Genus and Species	Common Name	Number of Plugs Requested			
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Wild Onion	500			
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Lead Plant	650			
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	650			
<i>Asclepias sullivantii</i>	Prairie Milkweed	500			
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Milkweed	800			
<i>Aster azureus</i> ( <i>Symphyotricum oolentangiense</i> )	Sky Blue Aster	250			
<i>Aster ericoides</i>	Heath Aster	400			
<i>Aster laevis</i>	Smooth Blue Aster	200			
<i>Baptisia leucantha</i> ( <i>B. alba</i> , <i>B. lactea</i> )	White Wild Indigo	800			
<i>Baptisia leucophaea</i> ( <i>B. bracteata</i> )	Cream Wild Indigo	1500			
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Side-Oats Grama	800			
<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i>	Prairie Indian Plantain	450			
<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	Blue Joint Grass	500			
<i>Camassia scilloides</i>	Wild Hyacinth	300			
<i>Carex annectens</i>	Large Yellow Fox Sedge	400			
<i>Carex bicknellii</i>	Prairie Oval Sedge	1500			
<i>Carex brevior</i>	Plains Oval Sedge	200			
<i>Carex cristatella</i>	Crested Oval Sedge	400			
<i>Carex emoryi</i>	Riverbank Sedge	300			
<i>Carex haydenii</i>	Long-scaled Tussock Sedge	400			
<i>Carex hystericina</i>	Porcupine Sedge	400			
<i>Carex lacustris</i>	Lake Sedge	250			
<i>Carex pellita</i>	Bull Sedge (Woollyfruit Lake)	650			
<i>Carex sartwellii</i>	Running Marsh Sedge	750			
<i>Carex scoparia</i>	Broom Oval Sedge	750			
<i>Carex stipata</i>	Marsh Fox Sedge	750			
<i>Carex stricta</i>	Common Tussock Sedge	900			
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Brown Fox Sedge	900			
<i>Ceanothus americana</i>	New Jersey Tea	100			
<i>Cicuta maculata</i>	Water Hemlock	300			
<i>Coeopsis palmata</i>	Prairie Coreopsis	400			

<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	Tall Coreopsis	250			
<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	Purple Prairie Clover	600			
<i>Desmodium canadense</i>	Showy Tick-trefoil	200			
<i>Desmodium illinoense</i>	Illinois Tick Trefoil	200			
<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	Shooting Star	600			
<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	Pale Purple Coneflower	1250			
<i>Eleocharis erythropoda</i>	Redfoot Spikerush	650			
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake Master	1000			
<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	Flowering Spurge	1250			
<i>Euthania graminifolia</i>	Grass-leaved Goldenrod	200			
<i>Gallium boreale</i>	Northern Bedstraw	100			
<i>Gentian andrewsii</i>	Bottle Gentian	400			
<i>Glyceria striata</i>	Fowl Manna Grass	200			
<i>Helianthus pauciflorus/rigidus</i>	Stiff Sunflower	200			
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Sneezeweed	500			
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	False Sunflower	100			
<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	Alum Root	900			
<i>Hierochloe odorata</i>	Vanilla Grass	450			
<i>Iris virginica shrevei</i> ( <i>Iris versicolor shrevei</i> )	Blue Flag Iris	500			
<i>Juncus dudleyi</i>	Dudley's Rush	350			
<i>Juncus torreyi</i>	Torrey's Rush	350			
<i>Koeleria cristata</i>	June Grass	550			
<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	Round headed Bushclover	1250			
<i>Liatris aspera</i>	Rough Blazing Star	350			
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Marsh Blazing Star	1000			
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	200			
<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>	Narrow-leaved Loosestrife	250			
<i>Lythrum alatum</i>	Winged Loosestrife	500			
<i>Mentha arvensis</i>	Wild Mint/Field Mint	200			
<i>Oenothera pilosella</i>	Prairie Sundrops	500			
<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	Wild Quinine	500			
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beard Tongue	500			
<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>	Hairy Beard Tongue	300			
<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	Prairie Phlox	350			
<i>Phlox glaberrima</i> var. <i>interior</i>	Marsh Phlox	500			
<i>Pontedaria cordata</i>	Pickrel Weed	200			

<i>Potentilla arguta</i>	Prairie Cinquefoil	450			
<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	Common Mountain Mint	300			
<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i>	Sweet Coneflower	100			
<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	Wild Petunia	450			
<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	Common Arrowhead	200			
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	3400			
<i>Scirpus acutus</i>	Hard-stemmed Bulrush	500			
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	Dark Green Bulrush	200			
<i>Scirpus fluviatilis</i>	River Bulrush	850			
<i>Scirpus pendulus</i>	Red Bulrush	250			
<i>Scirpus pungens</i>	Chairmaker's Rush	250			
<i>Scirpus validus</i>	Great Bulrush	850			
<i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i>	Mad Dog Skullcap	100			
<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	Rosinweed	600			
<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	Compass Plant	600			
<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>	Prairie Dock	600			
<i>Sisyrinchium albidum</i>	Pale Blue-eyed Grass	800			
<i>Sium suave</i>	Water Parsnip	100			
<i>Solidago gigantea</i>	Late Goldenrod	100			
<i>Solidago juncea</i>	Early Goldenrod	200			
<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	Old-Field Goldenrod	200			
<i>Solidago riddellii</i>	Riddell's Goldenrod	600			
<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Showy Goldenrod	225			
<i>Sparganium eurycarpum</i>	Common Burr Reed	400			
<i>Spartina pectinata</i>	Prairie Cord Grass	800			
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed	5000			
<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	Purple Meadow Rue	200			
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Common Spiderwort	500			
<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	Common Ironweed	300			
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root	400			
<i>Viola pedatifida</i>	Prairie Violet	400			
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders	400			
<b>Total Number of Plugs</b>		<b>55375</b>			

**Contractor Acceptance Statement:** By submitting the offer, the Contractor agrees to all terms, conditions, and provisions that are included in the solicitation and agrees to furnish any awarded items at the price set in the schedule unless otherwise excepted as follows:

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SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_DATE\_\_\_\_\_

DUNS#\_\_\_\_\_

TAXPAYER ID#\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

SALES REP NAME\_\_\_\_\_PHONE#\_\_\_\_\_

The following FAR clauses and provisions apply to this solicitation. Those that are incorporated by reference can be viewed in full text at <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/>.

**52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors – Commercial Items (JUL 2013)**

**52.212-2 Evaluation – Commercial Items (JAN 1999)**

(a) The Government may award one or more contracts resulting from this solicitation. Awards will be made to the responsible offeror(s) whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

1. Price
2. Ability to meet delivery date
3. Past Performance – including compliance with solicitation requirements
4. Technical capability of the offeror to provide items that meet the Government requirement.

All evaluation factors other than cost, when combined, are significantly more important when compared to price.

(b) *Options*. No option years are being considered.

(c) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror, within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

**52.212-3 Offeror Representations and Certifications – Commercial Items (AUG 2013)**

(Offeror must complete this certification online at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov).)

**AGAR 452.209-70 REPRESENTATION BY CORPORATIONS REGARDING AN UNPAID DELINQUENT TAX LIABILITY OR A FELONY CONVICTION ALT 1 (DEVIATION 2012-01) (FEB 2012)**

(a.) Awards made under this solicitation are subject to the provisions contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. No. 112-74), Division E, Sections 433 and 434 regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. To comply with these provisions, all offeror's must complete paragraph (1) of this representation, and all corporate offeror's also must complete paragraphs (2) and (3) of this representation.

(b) The Offeror represents that –

- (1) The Offeror is ☐ , is not ☐ (*check one*) an entity that has filed articles of incorporation in one of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or the various territories of the United States including American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Midway Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands. (Note that this includes both for-profit and non-profit organizations.)

If the Offeror checked “is” above, the Offeror must complete paragraphs (2) and (3) of the representation. If Offeror checked “is not” above, Offeror may leave the remainder of the representation blank.

- (2) (i) The Offeror has ☐ , has not ☐ (*check one*) been convicted of a felony criminal violation under Federal or State law in the 24 months preceding the date of offer.

(ii) Offeror has ☐ , has not ☐ (*check one*) had any officer or agent of Offeror convicted of a felony criminal violation for actions taken on behalf of Offeror under Federal law in the 24 months preceding the date of offer.

- (3) The Offeror does ☐ , does not ☐ (*check one*) have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.



## 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Items (JUL 2013)

## 52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders – Commercial Items (SEP 2013)

CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (SEPT 2013)

[52.203-6](#), Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sept 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995) ([41 U.S.C. 253g](#) and [10 U.S.C. 2402](#)).

[52.203-16](#) Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest (DEC 2011)

[52.204-7](#) -- System for Award Management (Jul 2013)Alternate 1

[52.209-10](#) Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (May 2012) (section 738 of Division C of Pub. L. 112-74, section 740 of Division C of Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Division D of Pub. L. 111-8, and section 745 of Division D of Pub. L. 110-161).

[52.219-6](#), Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (Nov 2011) ([15 U.S.C. 644](#)).

[52.219-8](#), Utilization of Small Business Concerns (Jul 2013) ([15 U.S.C. 637\(d\)\(2\)](#) and (3)).

[52.222-19](#) Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Mar 2012) (E.O. 13126).

[52.222-21](#), Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).

[52.222-26](#) Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007) (E.O. 11246).

[52.222-36](#) Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (Oct 2010) ([29 U.S.C. 793](#)).

[52.222-37](#), Employment Reports on Veterans (SEP 2010) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

[52.223-18](#) Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (AUG 2011) (E.O. 13513).

[52.225-1](#), Buy American Act—Supplies (Feb 2009) ([41 U.S.C. 10a-10d](#)).

[52.225-13](#) Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (June 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

[52.232-33](#) Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (Jul 2013) ([31 U.S.C. 3332](#)).

[52.232-36](#) -- Payment by Third Party (Jul 2013)

[52.232-38](#) - Submission of Electronic Funds Transfer Information with offer (Jul 2013)

### AGAR 452.209-71 ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE APPLICANTS ALT 1 (DEVIATION 2012-01) (FEB 2012)

(a) This award is subject to the provisions contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. No. 112-74), Division E, Sections 433 and 434 regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. Accordingly, by accepting this award the contractor acknowledges that it –

(1) does not have a tax delinquency, meaning that it is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and

(2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within 24 months preceding the award, unless a suspending and debarring official of the United States Department of Agriculture has considered suspension or debarment of the awardee, or such officer or agent, based on these convictions and/or tax delinquencies and determined that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(b) If the awardee fails to comply with these provisions, the Forest Service may terminate this contract for default and may recover any funds the awardee has received in violation of sections 433 or 434.